

CLAIMS:

1. A mattress assembly constructed substantially of plastic material, comprising:
 - a. a mattress foundation comprising:
 - i. a generally planar and essentially rigid top surface having an upper side and a lower side; and
 - ii. at least one essentially rigid sidewall, having a lower edge, the sidewall extending substantially along the perimeter of the lower side of the top surface, depending downward from the top surface, defining a cavity, wherein an outer surface of the sidewall includes a pattern formed thereon causing the outer surface to have a tactile feel substantially comparable to a tactile feel of an upholstered surface;
 - and
 - b. a frame assembly comprising a plurality of ground support members supporting the foundation, depending downward from the lower edge of the at least one sidewall, holding the foundation above ground, and maintaining the top surface in a substantially horizontal orientation.
2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the pattern is substantially three-dimensional.
3. The assembly of claim 1, including a headboard tangentially extending vertically along one end of the foundation.
4. The assembly of claim 3, wherein the headboard is made of substantially plastic material.
5. The assembly of claim 4, wherein an outer surface of the headboard, includes a pattern.

6. The assembly of claim 1, wherein a pattern is formed on at least a portion of the upper side of the top surface.

5 7. The assembly of claim 1, including at least one ground support member.

8. The assembly of claim 7, wherein the ground support is made of substantially plastic material.

10 9. The assembly of claim 8, wherein an outer surface of the ground support includes a pattern.

10. A mattress assembly constructed substantially of plastic material, comprising:

15 a. a mattress foundation comprising:

i. a generally planar and essentially rigid top surface having an upper side and a lower side; and

20 ii. at least one essentially rigid sidewall, having a lower edge, the sidewall extending substantially along the perimeter of the lower side of the top surface, depending downward from the top surface, defining a cavity, wherein an outer surface of the sidewall includes a pattern formed thereon causing the outer surface to have an optical feel substantially comparable to an upholstered surface;

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b. a frame assembly comprising a plurality of ground support members supporting the foundation, depending downward from the lower edge of the at least one sidewall, holding the foundation above ground, and maintaining the top surface in a substantially horizontal orientation.

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